

Northminster News



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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Northminster Family,

August days are hot. It's almost impossible to think about the fall when the summer's heat weighs so heavily. This newsletter will attempt to cover the Northminster News throughout August and into September. There is much to share!

On August 19th, we'll have our final send off and commissioning for Ally Pexa. Having served at Northminster for four years, Ally has built up a position that includes youth, communication, and growth. She has left a legacy of Christmas Pageants and Youth Sundays that are not to be forgotten. She led two classes of Confirmation students, paving the way for youth to think through their faith in meaningful and relevant ways. We are grateful to be sending Ally off to Princeton Theological Seminary, where she will pursue both an M.Div. and an M.S.W. We'll be able to stay connected to her as she remains under care of Northminster Presbyterian Church as an Inquirer in the Seattle Presbytery. I will personally miss Ally's sense of humor and tenacious spirit in everything that she does. She has become a cherished colleague, and I will be sad to see her go, even as I celebrate the future that she is about to embrace! August 19th will also offer a final reception at NPC for all folks to send Ally off!

The end of the August will usher in our new Office Manager, Charlie Delavan. Charlie serves as a therapist in a part-time practice in South Lake Union. She has been brought on to our staff at Northminster in a part-time capacity to help assist with managing the office. If you stop by on a Monday, you are likely to have a chance to meet Charlie face to face. We look forward to offering a warm welcome!

While we are in the process of some staff changes here at the church, we are also working towards a refreshed ministry focus. While keeping the needs of the church in mind and continuing to attend to them, we will also spend some energy on ways to support our neighborhood. You can find us hosting a table at the Loyal Heights Elementary Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 4th. You can also find us launching a Neighborhood Service Day on November 11th in honor of those who have served our country. The first and last Wednesday Nights, starting September 26th, will offer a community meal with a special conversation focus. We want to continue to find small and relevant ways for people of all backgrounds to enter into questions about faith.

Summer is short in the northwest. We grab it while we can. I hope that you are getting a good taste of the season, wherever your summer has taken you. When life settles back into a routine, come and take a look at the small changes around Northminster! You'll be glad you did.

Warmly,

Dani

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Ally Pexa

Friendship Luncheon

*Wednesday, August 29th at
11:30am*

Please join us for a time of friendship and fellowship, memories old and new, and, of course, good food! All 65+ are welcome—actually, all retirees, no matter what age, and special guests.

Jan Olson will be in contact to arrange transportation. Contact her with questions
2016-629-4482

We will also host a Friendship lunch on Wednesday, October 24th. A special December gathering is in the works!

Sacred Ordinary Things: An Art Installation

September 28-November 19

Is the commonly understood separation between the sacred and ordinary a helpful distinction? Or do the boundaries between sacred and ordinary become blurry, depending on the perspective? This installation examines the connections between the sacred and the ordinary by looking at the every day spaces that we live. By this close reflection on the places where we live our lives. By this close reflection on the places where we live our lives, we'll look together at how the sacred and the ordinary intersect, overlap, and sometimes become one and the same.

Interfaith Opportunities

Join the community at Idriss Mosque for their annual interfaith BBQ!

**August 12th, 2018
2-5pm**

*Have an art piece you'd like to contribute?
Submissions accepted through September
23, 2018.
Please contact Lisa Lady*

Jim Whitman

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Jim Whitman on July 27, 2018. Jim was a long time Northminster member. Per his wishes, there will be no service, but the family would appreciate cards sent to 8733 24th Ave NW, Seattle 98117.

Kids Pick Up Worship

Sunday Mornings

September 9-October 28th

Drop off the kids in the bell choir room at 10am to learn some new songs and have some fun! Kids worship ends at 10:20am with enough time to grab a cup of coffee and head into the sanctuary.

Revelation: The Texts Unpreachable

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10am, September 19-November 21

Meeting in the Library

Table and Sharing

*First and Last Wednesdays at 6pm
beginning at the end of September.*

These nights are planned for community table and sharing. This is an opportunity for our neighborhood to join together over simple sharing and meals. Meals will be served from 6-7pm. Sharing runs from 7-8pm. Fee free to come to meals or sharing, or both! Please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544afad2da2fd0-neighborhood>

September 26: Chili Taste off!!

Table: Introductions and awards! Bring your friends and your meanest chili recipe to both choke and dazzle the judges on this neighborhood chili cook off. No previous chili cooking experience required. Special notes for the “Over 80 Award” and the “Under 10 Award”!! Please be prepared to list all ingredients for our friends with dietary restrictions.

Sharing: Award Presentation and Introduction of our Neighborhood Series.

Library

Watch the library space for the addition of hundreds of new books in the fall. In the meantime, catch up with featured treasures!

Revelation Fest

September 30th at 10:30am

Join us on this Sunday as we celebrate the Book of Revelation. This service will provide an auditory experience of the book. Songs, readings, and other creative presentations will be offered as we try to catch the larger narrative of this book.

Snapshot: Strategic Planning Team

Way back in January, the Northminster session launched a Strategic Planning Team to look at the long term goals of NPC. We started with a small group that committed itself to listening to different populations around the Loyal Heights Neighborhood over the course of 5 months. From February to June we spent time thinking about who our immediate neighbors were, and we began to pull some of them together to ask about their needs. Over the next newsletters, we will offer a report on what happened at those meetings.

The first meeting was focused on Local Businesses. We visited all of the local businesses on the corner of 24th and 80th to invite each of them to meet with our group. We had an overwhelmingly positive reaction from our businesses, and each offered a unique perspective. From Larsen's we learned of some of the early morning challenges in the area. From Selah's, we learned about some of the profiling that can happen in the Seattle Police Department. From La Copa Cafe and Cafe Munir, we learned that there is a strong love and commitment to this neighborhood. From Loyal Heights Manor, we learned that the Building Caretaker cleans the bus stop every day. Every wonder why the bus stop on 77th and 24th is so spick and span? It's because Dale is out there each day cleaning it up!

Not only did we gain deep appreciation for our businesses and their challenges, we also we inspired to help. Out of this meeting, we launched the Neighborhood Service Day, coming up on November 11th, Veteran's Day, in honor of those who have served us.

Over the next months, we'll be taking time on Sunday mornings to provide more opportunities to talk about the Strategic Planning Team discoveries. The work that this team has done will continue, and has already begun. We'll have more to report in terms of upcoming financial goals, and even a possible capital campaign. We have so much to be thankful for, and so much to engage in here in our Loyal Heights Neighborhood. We have good news to share!

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Rev. 3:14-22	Rev. 4:1-11	Rev. 5:1-14	Rev. 21:1-8

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Rev. 21:9-10; 22-27	Mark 4:35-41	Mark 5:1-20	Mark 5:21-43	Mark 6:1-13